

# NSA Head Proposes Student Tax

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W. Eugene Groves is questioned on his proposed student tax at NSA Congress.

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National Student Association President W. Eugene Groves told the organization's 20th annual congress yesterday that member student governments should tax their students 50 cents a head.

His suggestion accompanied a warning that power and independence would continue to elude the NSA until it was independent of government and other outside sources of income.

At the same time, a former president of the organization urged the students to avoid irrelevant feuds "between radicals and moderates and to join in the avant garde of efforts" to defeat President Johnson's re-election bid in primaries throughout the country.

Allard Lowenstein of New York, now a vice chairman of Americans for Democratic Action, said the students should lead their elders, who are

"more cautious about their political careers."

NSA President Groves told about 500 of the more than 1200 delegates meeting at the University of Maryland, that the 50-cent tax would yield about \$1 million, compared with NSA's present budget of about \$700,000. Most of NSA's money now comes from foundation and Government grants for specific projects, leaving the organization little money with which "to do the things we want to do," Groves explained.

Richard Stearns, NSA international affairs vice president, suggested the establishment of a "foundation that could support the international ac-

tivities of groups such as NSA. Stearns and Groves said this foundation should receive long-term congressional appropriations but be run by non-governmental directors, including some students.

Stearns said NSA has been unable to raise money for international activities since the revelation in February that its international work in past years was largely supported by covert contributions from the Central Intelligence Agency.

A commission headed by Secretary of State Dean Rusk has been investigating the possibility of a "public-private mechanism" to support overseas activities of student and other groups.

The NSA officers said they were unhappy that the commission had not consulted them. They expressed fear that the commission would recommend a foundation run solely by Government officials and dependent on Congress for yearly appropriations.

Stearns told the delegates that "the world of international student politics is 20 years old and is sick. We need to reject the structure of the world student cold war and to declare that we are unilaterally disarming." His criticism was aimed at activities in which student groups, largely fi-